

Blessed is the Nation

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Allegro moderato = 66

Soprano *ff* Bles-sed is the na-tion whose God is the Lord; *ff* Bles-sed is the

Alto *ff* Bles-sed is the

Tenor *ff* Bles-sed is the

Bass *ff* Bles-sed is the

Accomp. *ff*

10 *dim.* na-tion whose God is the Lord; and the peo-ple whom he hath cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance,

A *dim.* na-tion whose God is the Lord; and the peo-ple whom he hath cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance,

T *dim.* na-tion whose God is the Lord; and the peo-ple whom he hath cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance,

B *dim.* na-tion whose God is the Lord; and the peo-ple whom he hath cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance,

20 *f* bles-sed is the na-tion whose God is the Lord, and the peo-ple whom he hath

A *ff* whose God is the Lord, and the peo-ple whom he hath

T *ff* whose God is the Lord, and the peo-ple whom he hath

B *ff* whose God is the Lord, and the peo-ple whom he hath

25

30 35

S cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance.

A cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance.

T 8 cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance.

B cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance.

mf The Lord bring-eth the coun-sel of the

f *mf*

40

S *mf* He mak-eth the de -

A

T 8 *mf* The Lord bring-eth the coun-sel of the hea-then to nought:

B hea-then to nought; *mf* He mak-eth the de -

45 50

S vi-ces of the peo-ple *p* of none ef - fect, of none ef - fect.

A *p* of none ef - fect, of none ef - fect.

T 8 *p* of none ef - fect, of none ef - fect.

B vi-ces of the peo-ple *p* of none ef - fect, of none ef - fect.

p

Solo Andante

8 The coun-sel of the Lord stand-eth for e-ver, the thoughts of his heart to all ge-ne-

55 60

Tutti

pp The coun-sel of the Lord stand-eth for e-ver, the thoughts of his heart to all ge-ne-

Tutti

pp The coun-sel of the Lord stand-eth for e-ver, the thoughts of his heart to all ge-ne-

Tutti

8 *pp* ra-tions, The coun-sel of the Lord stand-eth for e-ver, the thoughts of his heart to all ge-ne-

Tutti

pp The coun-sel of the Lord stand-eth for e-ver, the thoughts of his heart to all ge-ne-

70 75

ra-tions.

ra-tions.

Solo

8 ra-tions. The coun-sel of the Lord stand-eth for e-ver, the thoughts of

ra-tions.

pp

80 *Tutti* *mf* The

mf The coun-sel of the

8 his heart to all ge-ne-ra-tions, to all ge-ne-ra-tions. *Tutti*

mf The coun-sel of the Lord

mf

85 90

coun-sel of the Lord stand-eth for e-ver, for e-ver and e-ver, the thoughts of

Lord stand-eth for e-ver, for e-ver, for e-ver and e-ver, the thoughts of

Tutti

8 *mf* The coun-sel of the Lord stand-eth for e-ver, for e-ver and e-ver, the thoughts of

stand-eth for e-ver, for e-ver, for e-ver, for e-ver and e-ver, the thoughts of

f 8:

95

his heart to all ge-ne-ra-tions, *pp* to all ge-ne-ra-tions.

his heart to all ge-ne-ra-tions, *pp* to all ge-ne-ra-tions.

8 his heart to all ge-ne-ra-tions, *pp* to all ge-ne-ra-tions.

his heart to all ge-ne-ra-tions, *pp* to all ge-ne-ra-tions.

pp 8:

Slow

100

A piano introduction in D major, 4/4 time, marked 'Slow'. It features a series of chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is marked 'Slow'.

Tempo primo $\text{♩} = 66$

105

dim. 110

ff Bles-sed is the na-tion whose God is the Lord; and the peo-ple whom he hath

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The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) enter at measure 105. The piano accompaniment continues with chords. The lyrics are: 'Bles-sed is the na-tion whose God is the Lord; and the peo-ple whom he hath'. The tempo is marked 'Tempo primo' with a quarter note equal to 66 beats per minute. The dynamics are 'ff' (fortissimo) and 'dim.' (diminuendo).

115

cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance, **f** bles-sed is the na-tion whose **ff** God is the

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cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance, bles-sed is the na-tion **ff** whose God is the

cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance, bles-sed is the na-tion **ff** whose God is the

The vocal parts continue with the lyrics: 'cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance, bles-sed is the na-tion whose God is the'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The dynamics are 'f' (forte) and 'ff' (fortissimo).

120 Lord, and the peo-ple whom he hath cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance, *mf* The

125 Lord, and the peo-ple whom he hath cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance, *mf* The

8 Lord, and the peo-ple whom he hath cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance, *mf* The

Lord, and the peo-ple whom he hath cho-sen for his own in - he-ri-tance, *mf* The

f *mf*

130 Lord bring-eth the coun-sel of the hea-then to nought; *f* The Lord bring-eth the coun-sel of the

135 Lord bring-eth the coun-sel of the hea-then to nought; *f* The Lord bring-eth the coun-sel of the

8 Lord bring-eth the coun-sel of the hea-then to nought; *f* The Lord bring-eth the coun-sel of the

Lord bring-eth the coun-sel of the hea-then to nought; *f*

140 hea-then to nought: *mf* He mak-eth the de - vi-ces of the peo-ple of none ef - fect, of none ef - fect. *p*

mf He mak-eth the de - vi-ces of the peo-ple of none ef - fect, of none ef - fect. *p*

8 hea-then to nought: *mf* He mak-eth the de - vi-ces of the peo-ple of none ef - fect, of none ef - fect. *p*

mf He mak-eth the de - vi-ces of the peo-ple of none ef - fect, of none ef - fect. *p*

mf *p*

150

S Bles-sed, *f* bles-sed, *ff* bles-sed is the na-tion whose God is the Lord, whose

A Bles-sed, *f* bles-sed, *ff* bles-sed is the na-tion whose God is the Lord, whose

T 8 Bles-sed, *f* bles-sed, *ff* bles-sed is the na-tion whose God is the Lord, whose

B Bles-sed, *f* bles-sed, *ff* bles-sed is the na-tion whose God is the Lord, whose

ff *fff*

155 160

S God is the Lord, and the peo-ple whom he hath cho-sen, whom he hath cho-sen for his own in - he-ri -

A God is the Lord, and the peo-ple whom he hath cho-sen, whom he hath cho-sen for his own in - he-ri -

T 8 God is the Lord, and the peo-ple whom he hath cho-sen, whom he hath cho-sen for his own in - he-ri -

B God is the Lord, and the peo-ple whom he hath cho-sen, whom he hath cho-sen for his own in - he-ri -

165 170 *rall.*

S tance, Bles-sed is the na-tion, Bles-sed is the na-tion, *rall.* bles-sed, yea, bles - sed.

A tance, Bles-sed is the na-tion, Bles-sed is the na-tion, *rall.* bles-sed, yea, bles - sed.

T 8 tance, Bles-sed is the na-tion, Bles-sed is the na-tion, *rall.* bles-sed, yea, bles - sed.

B tance, Bles-sed is the na-tion, Bles-sed is the na-tion, *rall.* bles-sed, yea, bles - sed.

rall.